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U.S. application: Noritoshi MARUCHI et al (AMENDED TO) Akiyoshi JOHDAI et al
For: BINDING MEMBER REMOVING APPARATUS, AUTOMATIC
DOCUMENT FEEDER, SHEET PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR STATUS OF PETITION TO CHANGE INVENTORSHIP PURSUANT TO
37 C.F.R. 1.48

Due to the cancellation of claims, the inventorship of the above application has changed. A
PETITION TO CHANGE INVENTORSHIP PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.48 was mailed to the
Patent and Trademark Office on March 11, 2004 (filed with the Patent and Trademark Office on
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The undersigned attorney of record respectfully requests the status of the Petition to Change
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